

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior versions of claims in the application with the following listing of claims:

1-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently amended) ~~A sealed closure as claimed in claim 2,~~ A sealed closure comprising:

a spout defining an opening;

a removable plastic part disposed over the opening and connected to the spout by a frangible region, the removable part including a peninsula formed between the frangible region and a slit that divides the removable part and extends into the removable part from an edge of the removable part;

a tearable seal disposed across the opening and attached to the peninsula;

a pull ring; and

a leg connecting the pull ring to the peninsula;

wherein the seal is torn when a force applied to the pull ring is concentrated onto the peninsula,

wherein the leg is connected to the peninsula at a periphery of the removable part, and

wherein a cutting tooth is provided on an underside of the spout adjacent each side of the peninsula.

6-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) A sealed closure as claimed in claim 2, wherein the slit extends from the edge of the removable part passing ~~close to and~~ beyond a center of the removable part.

10. (Currently amended) ~~A sealed closure as claimed in claim 2;~~ A sealed closure comprising:
 a spout defining an opening;
 a removable plastic part disposed over the opening and connected to the spout by
 a frangible region, the removable part including a peninsula formed between the frangible
 region and a slit that divides the removable part and extends into the removable part from
 an edge of the removable part;
 a tearable seal disposed across the opening and attached to the peninsula;
 a pull ring; and
 a leg connecting the pull ring to the peninsula;
 wherein the seal is torn when a force applied to the pull ring is concentrated onto
 the peninsula,
 wherein the leg is connected to the peninsula at a periphery of the removable part,
 and
 wherein the slit is straight.
11. (Currently amended) A sealed closure as claimed in claim [[2]] 5, wherein the seal is a foil.
12. (Previously presented) A sealed closure as claimed in claim 11, wherein the foil is welded to a container closed by the closure.
13. (Previously presented) A sealed closure as claimed in claim 11, wherein the removable part is a plate having a raised land to which the foil is attached.
14. (Previously presented) A sealed closure as claimed in claim 11, wherein the foil is a multi-layer foil that is weldable on both sides.
15. (Currently amended) A closure comprising a spout defining an opening, a plastic removable part disposed over the opening and connected to the spout by a frangible

region at an edge of the removable part, the removable part having a peninsula defined by a slit extending into the removable part from the edge of the removable part, a foil attached to the plastic removable part at an enlarged portion of a land beneath the peninsula and to the spout to form a seal across the opening, and a device mounted on the peninsula for applying a force to the peninsula at ~~[[the]]~~ a periphery of the removable part.

16. (Original) A closure as claimed in claim 15, wherein the force-applying device is a nib.
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:
 - a container body; and
 - a closure comprising a spout defining an opening, a plastic removable part disposed over the opening and connected to the spout by a frangible region at an edge of the removable part, the removable part having a peninsula defined by a slit extending into the removable part from the edge of the removable part, a foil attached to the plastic removable part at an enlarged portion of a land beneath the peninsula and to the spout to form a seal across the opening, and a device mounted on the peninsula for applying a force to the peninsula at ~~[[the]]~~ a periphery of the removable part;wherein the container body is secured to the closure by means of the foil.
19. (Previously presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the container is made of a material selected from plastics laminate, combined with another material, such as steel or paperboard; PET; or polypropylene.
- 20-21. (Cancelled)
22. (New) A sealed closure as claimed in claim 10, wherein the seal is a foil.

23. (New) A sealed closure as claimed in claim 22, wherein the foil is welded to a container closed by the closure.
24. (New) A sealed closure as claimed in claim 22, wherein the removable part is a plate having a raised land to which the foil is attached.
25. (New) A sealed closure as claimed in claim 22, wherein the foil is a multi-layer foil that is weldable on both sides.